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**VISALIA MAN INDICTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION
OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury sitting in Fresno returned an indictment against OSCAR ANGEL GUTIERREZ, charging him with one count of receipt or distribution and one count of possession of child pornography. OSCAR ANGEL GUTIERREZ, 52, was employed with the California Department of Corrections.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Visalia Police Department and the Fresno Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Sheila K. Oberto and David L. Gappa who are prosecuting the case, in an affidavit filed with the criminal complaint, GUTIERREZ was arrested on July 29, 2006 following an incident at a Kohl's department store in Visalia. GUTIERREZ was observed squatting down behind a female with his arms extended between her legs and under the hem of her mini-skirt holding a digital camera in his hand.

The affidavit alleges that following a search of GUTIERREZ's residence, Visalia police officers found approximately 12,000 images on his computer. The majority of these images were sexually explicit images of minor children. Among the images were depictions of minor children engaged in a variety of sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted of the charges alleged in the indictment, the maximum penalty under federal law for possession of child pornography is ten years in prison, and twenty years in prison for receipt or distribution of child pornography.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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